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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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February 1, 2026

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Mass Times

Wednesday 9:30 am
Sunday 9:00 am,
11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Adoration

Sunday 3:00 pm-4:45 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm-8:30 pm
Wednesday 3:00 pm-7:30 pm

Confession

Sunday 3:00 pm-4:45 pm

Church open for prayer

Monday-Friday 9 am-12 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9 am-12 pm
Fridays by appointment

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 1

9:00 am: For Dennis and Katie Mullins req. by Lynn Mullins
11:00 am: For the intentions of the Okammor Family
5:00 pm: For the intentions of our Parish Family

Wednesday, February 4

9:30 am: For the repose of the soul of Matthew Seibert req. by Mathilde Seibert

Thursday, February 5

(Prv): For the repose of the soul of Joan Morelli req. by Ed Peters

Sunday, February 8

9:00 am: For the repose of the soul of Sr Ann Stamm req. by Anne Ostrowski and Lisa Sapienza
11:00 am: For the souls in purgatory req. by Theresa Okpala
5:00 pm: For the intentions of our Parish Family

St. Joseph Lenten Retreat
To the Cross with Jesus
Saturday, February 28, 2026
8:30 am to 1:00 pm
Maria Hall
Register: cbsmich.org/stjoseph

Date Night with your Spouse!

February 7, 2026 @ 6 pm

Cathryn Torgerson-Wade of the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan will present

You are Mine: Exploring God's Love in Divine and Human Covenants

Register by February 2, 2026
$25 donation per couple is suggested

Register Here:

Catholic Movie Night Saturday, February 21

Join other parishioners at the Sapienza home to enjoy the movie, ***Sergeant York***.

Lisa and Michael will be hosting the film at their home on Saturday, February 21. Arrive at 6:00 pm for fellowship before the film starts.
RSVP if you are coming to Michael Sapienza at (734) 572-6471

Note: There are war scenes, but *Sergeant York* isn't a war movie. This biopic features a hero who wrestles first with God then his conscience.

Are your children grown and flown?

Join with parents of adult children to pray the Rosary!

Friday, February 13 @ 7 pm

Together we will lift up to Mary our intentions for our children and grandchildren as they navigate this often difficult world.

Rosary at 7:30 pm with fellowship following prayer. You are welcome to bring a snack to share.

Dcn Gary and Mary Perrydore's home. RSVP 734-845-4577 or maryperrydore@gmail.com

Our Weekly Offering

January 18 , 2025

Budget: 7,290
Cash and Checks: $5,846
# of envelopes used: 67
Online Giving: $2,305
Total Offering: **$8,151**

Our Weekly Offering

January 25, 2025

Budget: $7,290
Cash and Checks: $4,327
# of envelopes used: 40
Online Giving: $4,070
Total Offering: **$8,397**

GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

St. Joseph Classical (SJC) Homeschool Program (Atrium I & Grades 1-8) Open House Dates

All interested families are invited to attend one of several Open House days. Come and see what we are all about! Ask questions and experience the classroom experience first-hand.
Available Wednesday dates are:
February 4, 11, 18, 25
Contact Anna Nowaczewski, SJC Director to register at annan@sjypsi.com.

From Father Pieter

Greetings! Today the Mass continues to speak to us about the meaning of Christian life! Particularly, today we hear the beatitudes! "...*Blessed are the poor in Spirit*..." What do the beatitudes show us about Christian life? Jesus calls us to holiness and discipleship, to follow Him so closely that we are "covered by the dust" of His feet. But through it all, we recognize our utter need for Jesus' love and mercy! Holiness and discipleship begin when God's grace meets our poverty and weakness. Today you receive the Lord's mercy in the sacrifice of the Mass.

What's Happening at St. Joseph?

Trail Life: The boys from Trail Life enjoyed their annual "Worthy Derby" yesterday. Boys create their pinewood derby car the weeks preceding the event and then compete to determine which is the fastest car.

Marriage night: Thanks to those who will attend our February 7 event! Remember to register in advance (and if you cannot attend for some reason, let Margie Sauter know so we can plan accordingly).

Save the date: Feb. 28, 8:30 am–1 pm: We will host a Lenten Retreat Morning with Catholic Biblical School of Michigan at our parish! Come and draw near to Jesus through prayer and the Bible!

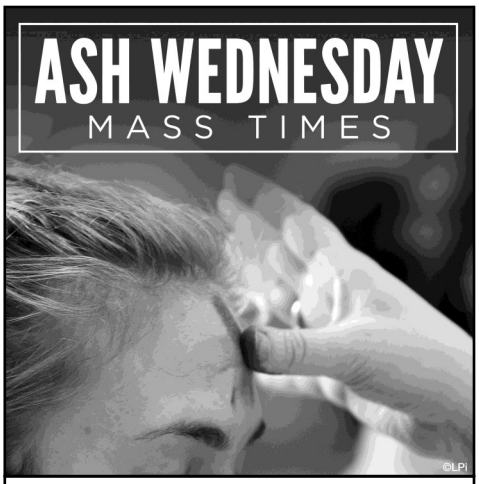
Palms: Containers to collect palms from last year are at the entrances of the church. These palms will be burned to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Trail Life Visits Seminary

St. Joseph's Trail Life troop visited Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Saturday, January 17. Twenty Trailmen and their fathers attended the event in Detroit and were greeted by Fr. Pieter van Rooyen who gave a tour of the building and talked to the boys about priestly vocations. In addition, the boys attended Mass, enjoyed a hearty lunch in the seminary cafeteria, and even had the chance to shoot some hoops in the gym. Thank you to Fr. Pieter for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend time with our troop and for the hospitality.

St. Joseph Need-Based Catholic Education Scholarship Applications

Are available beginning February 1, 2026 and must be completed before April 15, 2026. For more information visit sjypsi.com/scholarships.



Ash Wednesday Mass Times:

Wednesday, February 18
9:30 am & 6:30 pm

American Heritage Girls Roller Skating Party

February 14, 2026

10:30 am to 1:30 pm

No Cost!

Rollers Skating Rink

19750 Sumpter Rd, Belleville

Rental Skates provided

2025 Contribution Statements

2025 Contribution statements have been mailed. If you haven't received a letter, please contact the office at office@sjypsi.com or call Mon-Thurs 9 am to 12 pm 734-461-6555

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